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Subject: RE: Acknowledging your efforts

Thanks. I appreciate it.

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From: Chergo, Jennifer [mailto:Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 1:07 PM
To: Wendy Hawthorne; Montoya, Chy - City Council; Miguel, Nola J - City Council Operations
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Subject: Acknowledging your efforts

Hi all. I am updating our VB/i-70 Website page. On the page, there is a Community Involvement Section. We at EPA really appreciate the assistance you have offered and provided in this effort to try to obtain access to the remaining properties. I thought it would be nice to acknowledge your efforts in the paragraph below. It will read out of context, but it is meant to be the final paragraph in the Community Involvement Section. Please let me know if you are comfortable being named like this on our Website. If not, that's totally fine. Just let me know.

Thanks,
-jc

p.s., if you want to look at the rather outdated version (soon to be updated of course) of the Website and the full Community Involvement Section it's at <http://www2.epa.gov/region8/vasquez-boulevard-i-70>

My proposed update to be the final paragraph in the Community Involvement Section is as follows:

More recently, during the 2012/2013 renewed outreach effort, EPA focused less on widespread community involvement and targeted its efforts toward those property owners of properties that had never been sampled or cleaned up. In attempting to gain access to these properties, EPA was greatly assisted by local elected officials and residents. EPA mailed letters to the property owners and conducted a door-to-door effort in order to contact them about access to their properties. Some of the EPA staff involved in that effort were also residents of the Clayton neighborhood. Further, EPA enlisted the assistance of a former resident of Swansea/Elyria neighborhood and former Community Health Worker to go door-to-door and attempt to contact property owners about access to their properties. The local non-profit group Groundwork Denver has been very generous to EPA by providing local community information. EPA is particularly appreciative of Denver City Councilman Albus Brooks' office and his staff's assistance with the door-to-door effort as well. Further, Denver City Councilor Albus Brooks and Denver City Councilor Judy Montero both offered assistance in helping EPA connect with property owners who continued to ignore or deny EPA requests for access. All of these efforts by local elected officials, community groups, and resident volunteers are very much appreciated and have helped EPA's efforts to address environmental contamination in these neighborhoods.

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